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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  FY 2009   |                         | Docket Number (Optional) 3884-0127PUS1 |              |
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| (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)   |                         | Filed                                  | h 0 0000     |
| Application Number 10/582,241-Conf. #2866   |                         | Filed                                  | June 9, 2006 |
| For OF A STRAIN PRODUCING L-THREONINE   |                         |  |              |
| Art Unit 1633   |                         | Examiner                               | Q. Nguyen    |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.  |                         |  |              |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):   |                         |  |              |
|   | <u>Fee</u>              | Small Entity Fee                       | _            |
| One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))   | \$130                   | \$65                                   | \$           |
| Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))  | \$490                   | \$245                                  | \$           |
| X Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)   | )) \$1110               | \$555                                  | \$ 620.00*   |
| Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))   | \$1730                  | \$865                                  | \$           |
| Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))   | \$2350                  | \$1175                                 | \$           |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  |                         |  |              |
| A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.   |                         |  |              |
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| The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.   |                         |  |              |
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| The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 02-2448  |                         |  |              |
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| I am the applicant/inventor.  |                         |  |              |
| assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).   |                         |  |              |
| x attorney or agent of reco   | rd. Registration Number | 42,874                                 |              |
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